

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2007. Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Before this amendment, claims 1-16 were pending. Claims 1-3 were rejected. Claims 4-16 were objected to. Claims 1, 4-5, and 12-14 have been amended in this amendment. Claims 2-3 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1 and 4-16 are presently pending in the application.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found throughout the specification and claim 3 in the originally filed specification. Claims 4-5 and 12-13 have been amended to address the improper dependency. Thus, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim objections

Claims 4-16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. The cancellation of claims 2-3 and the amendment of claims 4-5 and 12-13 is believed to address the objection to the claims.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants' appreciate the indication that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 3 and addressing the insufficient antecedent basis identified by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. 103(a)

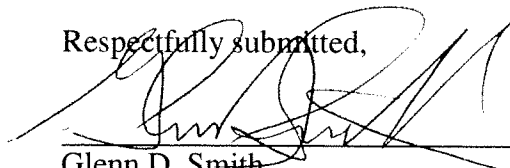
Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanka et al. in view of Tucker. The amendment of claim 1 and cancellation of claim 2 obviates this rejection.

In view of the foregoing arguments and amendments, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1425.

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Respectfully submitted,

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